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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WCAP-15987-P, REVISION 2, "TECHNICAL BASIS FOR  
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HEAD PENETRATIONS" (TAC NO. MB8997)

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Sincerely,

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